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## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

October 1, 2008

Mr. Ted Wandstrat, Chair  
and Committee Members  
North Houston Catholic High School  
2615 Kings Forest Drive  
Kingwood, Texas 77339

Dear Mr. Wandstrat and Committee Members:

Our Archdiocesan Board of Education has given me an enthusiastic endorsement of your plan for a new Catholic high school in north Houston. It is good to read in their remarks that your Planning Committee for North Houston Catholic High School (NHCHS) has done careful research and has shared that research with them in an informative and impressive manner. I am pleased to approve your plan.

It is most gratifying to me that your efforts show your dedication to Catholic education, your keen analysis of the issues, your pragmatic and positive approach to planning, and a strong focus on financial responsibility.

You have already conducted a feasibility study. While you are establishing a Catholic high school in an area of high growth, I would ask that the Planning Committee seriously consider a formal market study to test enrollment projections while you move forward with your capital campaign. It is in the best interest of your efforts to continue your focus on strong marketing, to seek help and advice as needed from knowledgeable persons in the archdiocesan construction department, and to establish for all parties concerned realistic and time sensitive goals for enrollment and fund raising. I would also ask that you keep St. Pius X High School well informed of your efforts and timeline to mitigate any potential negative enrollment impact.

It is my understanding from Sr. Kevina, our superintendent, that an agreement will be developed in time by the Catholic Schools Office to be used for all new independent Catholic schools that are founded with permission in our archdiocese. When this occurs, I will ask that you comply with the provisions in the agreement. I know that the NHCHS committee will continue to work closely with the Catholic Schools Office in this and other areas as you move forward.